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SUBJECT: THAI CONCERN OVER PROPOSED INCREASE US TARIFF
DUTIES ON ELECTRONIC WATCH MODULES

REF: BANGKOK 4561

1. THAI AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER PROPOSED INCREASED DUTIES ON ELECTRIC WATCH MODULES TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMOND MARCH 1. HE NOTED THAILAND WAS BECOMING A SIGNIFICANT PRODUCER OF THIS PRODUCT WITH 70 PERCENT NOW EXPORTED TO U.S. IN ADDITION TO RESULTANT UNEMPLOYMENT IF THAILAND COULD NO LONGER EXPORT MODULES, AMBASSADOR ADDED THIS ACTION WOULD ALSO COST THAILAND $60 MILLION IN EXPORTS. HE ASKED THAT THE USG GIVE THAI VIEWS "CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERA-
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2. EDMOND NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES ON BROAD ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL POLICY GROUNDS AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS. HE AFFIRMED THAI VIEWPOINT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

3. WHILE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASES ARE EXPECTED THIS WEEK, WE HAVE NO PROGNOSIS OF LENGTH OF HEARINGS OR POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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